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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY 14 LETTER TO PRESIDENT SARKIS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FEB 14  
LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SARKIS, DELIVERED  
DURING SECRETARY'S RECENT VISIT TO BEIRUT.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY OF SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO  
YOUR COUNTRY TO EXTEND TO YOU MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES AND  
MY SINCERE HOPE THAT THE RECENT PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY THE  
PEOPLE OF LEBANON UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP WILL CONTINUE. THE  
TASKS CONFRONTING YOU AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS IN RESTOR-  
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ING A UNITED LEBANON TO ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY  
OF NATIONS ARE FORMIDABLE, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU  
WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING.

I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO  
YOUR COUNTRY. THE UNITED STATES, AS YOU KNOW, REMAINS  
DEDICATED TO THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

OF LEBANON, AND TO ITS UNITY AND NATIONAL COHESION.

LEBANON HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF AMERICANS. OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE MANY TIES AND SHARE A TRADITION OF DEMOCRACY. WE ARE PROUD OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AMERICAN CITIZENS OF LEBANESE ORIGIN HAVE MADE TO OUR COUNTRY.

I ALSO HOPE THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS ON WAYS TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. LEBANON'S CONTRIBUTION TO THIS ENDEAVOR WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT ONE. AMBASSADOR PARKER, WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED IN YOUR COUNTRY, HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE, AND YOU MAY COMMUNICATE WITH ME THROUGH HIM AT ANY TIME ON THIS AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

WITH WARMEST REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.  
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